GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:247
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005
RECOVERY OF ARREARS FROM DEFAULTING EMPLOYERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many employers have defaulted in the payment of employer`s contribution to Provident Fund(PF) and pension fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) launched a recovery drive in this regard;

(d) if so, whether this drive has not met with much success;

(e) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to speed up recovery of arrears from defaulting employers?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 247 FOR 21.03.2005 BY SH. VIJOY KRISHNA AND SHRI EKNATH M GAIKWAD REGARDING `RECOVERY OF ARREARS FROM DEFAULTING EMPLOYERS `.

(a) & (b) As on 30.11.2004, about forty nine thousand, out of over three lakh seventy thousand establishments were in default. The amount in arrear was about Rs. 2300 crores.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. Concerted efforts are regularly made to reduce the arrears which have accumulated over the years. During the last five years, from 1999- 2000 onwards over Rs. 5000 crores of the dues in default have been recovered. During the current year, till 31.12.2004, the Employees Provident Fund Organisation has filed prosecution proceedings against 13498 defaulters and filed FIRs under section 406/409 of IPC against 3932 defaulters. In addition, 14346 bank accounts and 910 moveable/immovable properties have also been attached. 80 defaulters were also arrested.